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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SEOUL INFO CANBERRA LONDON TOKYO USUN NY, JULY 23, FROM SECSTATE RPDT TO YOU: QUOTE

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR: KS

SUBJ: UNCURK: UK INQUIRY

- 1. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM FOREIGN OFFICE UK FIRST SECRETARY PIKE CALLED ON KOREA COUNTRY OFFICER JULY 20 REGARDING UNCURK. BECAUSE OF EC MEETING NEXT WEEK FO DESIRED INFORMAL US THINKING ON AUSTRALIAN DRAFT TERMINATING UNCURK AND FEARS OF JAPANESE THAT AUSTRALIA MOVING TOO QUICKLY ON UNCURK.
- 2. IN RESPONSE PIKE WAS TOLD THAT GOA PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF TERMINATING UNCURK ALTHOUGH WE HAD NOT AT THIS POINT ADDRESSED SPECIFIC WORDING OF REPORT. ON QUESTION OF TIMING CURRENT DISCUSSIONS WITH ROKG IN SEOUL LED US TO THINK MID-AUGUST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF UNCURK WAS GOOD TARGET DATE. THIS SHOULD HELP MEET JAPANESE RESERVATIONS, WOULD PERMIT US TO ASSESS TACTICAL SITUATION INCLUDING ACTIONS OF OTHER SIDE. IT WAS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT ALL COUNTRIES ACTIVELY CONCERNED WITH UNCURK BE IN AGREEMENT ON HANDLING CONFIDENTIAL

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AND THIS PROCESS IN ITSELF WOULD TAKE SOME TIME. PIKE

NOTED THAT AUSTRALIAN VIEW SEEMED TO BE THAT IT WAS DESIRABLE THAT ROK AND FRIENDS MAINTAIN INITIATIVE RATHER THAN APPEAR TO BE ACTING DEFENSIVELY.

3. COMMENT. APPARENTLY LONDON WAS NOT GIVEN TEXT OF UNCURK TERMINATIONAL PARAGRAPHS BY AUSTRALIANS. WE HAD PASSED COPY TO UK EMBASSY HERE FEW DAYS EARLIER. ASSUME THIS WAS GOA OVERSIGHT SINCE DRAFT TABLED WITH UNCURK MEMBERS. ROGERS

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